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BY-LAWS

of the

***Hospital Bed Fund
Association***

DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS

of New York State



ARTICLE I

Name

This Association shall be known as the Hospital Bed Fund Association of the Order of the Degree of Pocahontas of New York State.

ARTICLE II

Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting of this Association shall be held annually in June at the Great Council session at a time to be designated.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President on request of five members.

Section 3. Six officers in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The term of each officer shall be for one year and their term shall not expire until their successors have been elected.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1. Any member of the Order of the De-

gree of Pocahontas of New York State is eligible to membership in the Hospital Bed Fund Association; provided he or she is under 60 years of age and in good health.

Section 2. Any member precluded from his or her Council, automatically becomes precluded in the Association, without any further notification, in which event this Association shall not be responsible for benefits.

ARTICLE V

Initiation and Dues

Section 1. The initiation fee in this Association shall be two dollars (\$2.00) payable at time proposition is presented.

Section 2. Propositions not having the dues presented with same and not being paid within 30 days will forfeit the proposition fee and candidate to become a member will have to submit another proposition the same as if he or she had never been proposed before.

Section 3. The dues shall be two dollars \$(2.00) per year for members who enter this Association. Dues payable in advance at the June meeting and not later than last day of July in each year.

Section 4. All dues to be paid either to Keeper of Records or Collector of Wampum of the Council. All money collected to be sent immediately to the Secretary of Hospital Bed Fund. Members not paying dues by the time of the June meeting at the Great Council session, will be notified by the

Collector of Wampum of the Council, paying same to the Collector of Wampum by July 31st, who will forward all money collected directly to the Secretary of the Hospital Bed Fund.

Section 5. New members should designate their own beneficiary when joining the Hospital Bed Fund, and members who already belong should designate their beneficiary when paying their next dues.

ARTICLE VI

Suspensions

Section 1. Members in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to Hospital Benefits until three (3) months after date payment of same.

Section 2. Members one (1) year in arrears for dues will be stricken from the roll of this Association, after being notified and can only rejoin as per Article V.

Section 3. Members being stricken from the roll of the Order of Degree of Pocahontas for any cause or reason, forfeit all rights, privileges, benefits or claims from this Association immediately upon such suspension.

ARTICLE VII

Benefits

Section 1. Any member of this Association admitted to a hospital for treatment and confined therein, shall notify the Secretary of the Association immediately telling date of admission, notice to be accompanied by the official dues receipt of the

Council. Benefits to start from date of entering the hospital. No benefits shall be paid if notification is sent after leaving the hospital. Any member of a Council learning of a member of said Council being confined in a hospital shall immediately notify the Keeper of Records or Collector of Wampum of the same.

Section 2. Benefits to be two dollars (2.00) per day for a period of 14 days in any one year, no benefits will be paid for observation. No member will be entitled to benefits until one year after payment of the 14th day of the previous benefits.

Section 3. Not more than 14 days benefits shall be paid a member for one and the same chronic disease.

Section 4. This Association pays for all diseases and ailments with the exception of maternity cases, miscarriages, insanity, immorality, intemperance or any other vicious habit.

Section 5. Hospital Association Benefits shall not be paid to any member who was in arrears in either the Hospital Association or Council at any time during the duration of the disease for which the member is seeking benefits.

Section 6. Hospital Association Benefits shall not be paid to a member unless confined to an accredited hospital.

Section 7. Hospital Association Benefits shall not be paid members while under the care of Osteopaths, Chiropractors, Christian Science Prac-

tioners, etc.; in fact, benefits shall only be paid to members while under care of licensed physicians and surgeons who are graduates of recognized medical colleges.

Section 8. Members must be enrolled in the Hospital Association for a period of one year to be entitled to benefits.

Section 9. Members taken ill or disabled when in arrears in the Council cannot by payment of such arrears become entitled to Hospital Association Benefits during that illness or disability.

Section 10. Any member of the Association admitted to a hospital for treatment and confined therein must on being discharged from same, present within 30 days a certificate bearing date of admission, date of discharge and nature of disease, on form issued by the Association bearing questions which must be answered by the attending physician or surgeon, shall be entitled to \$2.00 a day for a period not exceeding 14 days.

Section 11. The Secretary of the Association shall notify the Keeper of Records of said Council of a member receiving benefits.

ARTICLE VIII

Funds

Section 1. At any time the funds in the possession of the Treasurer are reduced to four hundred (\$400.00) dollars, benefits will be suspended with, until funds are again raised in sufficient amount to again pay benefits.

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association, shall sign all vouchers before being presented to the Treasurer.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in case of her absence or inability to attend to the duties of her office.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all proceedings of this Association. Shall keep a record of the names and addresses of all members. She shall keep an accurate account between the Association and its members and notify all members whenever they are in arrears for dues calling for suspension. She shall receive all monies due the Association and shall turn the same over to the Treasurer. She shall be the custodian of all records to be kept subject to inspection. She shall read the names of members who have applied for and received benefits and the length of their hospitalization at regular meetings of this Association. She shall perform such other duties pertaining to this office, and duties that may be assigned to her.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and expended during her term of office and shall sign all checks. A voucher on the Treasurer signed by the Secretary and President shall be authority to her for the withdrawal of funds in her custody.

Section 5. The financial officers shall submit an annual financial report to the Association, which in turn shall be submitted to the membership.

Section 6. The Treasurer and Secretary shall be bonded under a joint bond for the sum of \$6,000. (sum to be determined).

Section 7. The President and Treasurer shall be allowed mileage and one day per diem. The Secretary shall be allowed three days and mileage. The stenographer shall be allowed one day per diem. Per diem shall be (\$9.00) nine dollars per day. The Secretary shall receive (\$120) one hundred twenty dollars per year. The Treasurer shall receive (\$50.00) fifty dollars per year.

ARTICLE X

Committees

Section 1. The Auditing Committee shall consist of three members of the Association to be appointed by the President and shall audit the books yearly, before the June meeting and report at the meeting.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws must be presented in writing and signed by five members in good standing, the same to be submitted at the meeting.

Section 2. Drawing of chances shall be conducted immediately after Hospital Association business

meeting. On change of address, immediately notify the Secretary of the Association.

Committee,

BERTHA F. PAUL, P. G. P., Chairman
GOLDIE NOYES, P. G. P.
FLORENCE McGINTY, P. G. P.
ANNA READ, Second Gt. Scout
ANGELINE GRAY, Chairman of B. of A.

By-Laws Revised — June 9, 1952

BERTHA F. PAUL, P. G. P., Chairman
ELIZABETH COOKE, P. G. P.
ROSELLA EASTLAND, P. P.

By-Laws Revised — June 12, 1968

MARY E. SMITH, P. G. P., Chairman
FLORENCE McGINTY, P. G. P.
PEARL L. RUANE, P. G. P.
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